

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
APPLICATION FOR SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION (03-SPPE-1)  
MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

On April 21, 2003, the Modesto Irrigation District (MID) filed an application for Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) seeking an exemption from the California Energy Commission's (Energy Commission) licensing requirements.

MID proposes to construct and operate a 95-megawatt (MW) generation plant called the Modesto Irrigation District Electric Generation Station (MEGS). The project is proposed to be located on a 12.25-acre site at South Stockton Avenue and Doak Boulevard in Ripon, California, in San Joaquin County and will occupy approximately six acres near the northern side of the project site. If an exemption is granted, the applicant will need to secure the appropriate licenses and permits for the project from various local, state and federal agencies.

The 95-megawatt natural gas-fired simple cycle plant will consist of two General Electric LM 6000 SPRINT combustion turbines. Part of the proposed project includes the construction of approximately .25 miles of new 69-kV sub-transmission line and fiber optic cable, approximately .25 miles of new eight-inch natural gas supply line, and water supply and wastewater tap lines into the existing City of Ripon lines located in South Stockton Avenue.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's SPPE process allows projects between 50 and 100 MW to proceed with local approval rather than requiring an Energy Commission license. An exemption from this licensing process is available if the Energy Commission finds that the project will not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and will prepare an Initial Study that will examine public health and safety, and environmental impacts of the proposed project including all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines and waterlines.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Over the next four months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings to determine whether the exemption request should be approved and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide the public and local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions and provide input about the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings, normally 14 days, but in no case later than 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Angela Hockaday, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3925 or e-mail at [ahockada@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:ahockada@energy.state.ca.us).

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If you would like information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review process for the proposed project, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to James W. Reede, Jr., the Energy Commission's Project Manager at (916) 653-1245 or by e-mail to [jreede@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jreede@energy.state.ca.us). The status of the project, copies of notices, the SPPE application and other relevant documents will be placed on the Energy Commission's web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ripon>.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that have requested to be placed on the mailing list during pre-filing, and to property owners located adjacent to the project site and any of the project-related facilities. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's review are available. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html>. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Angela Hockaday Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3925, or e-mail at [ahockda@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:ahockda@energy.state.ca.us).

A copy of the SPPE application document is available for public inspection at the:

Stanislaus County Library  
1500 "I" St,  
Modesto, CA 95354

Ripon Memorial Library  
430 W. Main Street,  
Ripon, CA 95366

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

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PAUL RICHINS, JR.  
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Enclosure

Mailed to Modesto Irrigation District Electric Generation Station, Mailing lists.